

The regular meeting of the Town Assembly of the Village of Arden was held on September 25, 1978 with Chairman, Thomas E. Colgan presiding.

As required by Senate Bill No. 256, the following is the list of the attenders at this meeting:

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| Mary Morley | Virginia Shaw | H.R. Monfort |
| William Morley | Beverly Barnett | Rae Gerstine |
| Gail Rinehart | Thomas E. Colgan | Beatrice Jaffe |
| Sarah Hamburger | Ethel Monfort | Mary Burslem |
| Kathleen Worth | Lee Starr | Barbara Fenske |
| Carolyn Liberman | James Gulley | Joan W. Colgan |
| Cy Liberman | Delphine Goslin | Beatrice Phillips |
| Frank Herzog | Dave Adkins | Alton Dahl |
| Jean K. Brachman | Bernard Brachman | Reese P. Davis |
| Eugene Shaw | Ruth Shaw | Terry Colgan |
| John Grimaldi | Aaron Hamburger | Frank Akutowicz |
| Frank Heymann | Sue Drury(N. V.) | Jim Shinn |
| Linda Shinn | Helen Macklem | Thomas Stapleford |
| Marge Laskey | Hugh Roberts | Mary Ann Stevens |
| Ruth Panella | Dora Johnson | Marjorie van Gulick |
| Paul Thompson | Linda Jobson | Harvey Wadman |
| Elizabeth Varley | Mike Curtis | |

The Assembly honored the memory of George Morley, brother of William and Mary, who died September 24 by a moment of silence.

The minutes of the June meeting were approved as circulated.

Cy Liberman presented the Financial report of the Trustees and copies of the expenditures from the budget were circulated. Copy is on file.

The Trustees have considered the purchase of the five acres plus a house bordering Arden on the Sherwood side on Marsh Road. They do not find any way to finance this project. The plot would need to be developed with road, sewers, water supply. The present rental rates would not cover the increase tax bill for the property. It was suggested that the area be added to the present Sherwood Forest as park land.

A letter is to be sent to Wilmington Metropolitan Area Planning Coordinating Council stating that Arden is not interested in Participating in the Areawide Housing Opportunity Plan.

No report from the Board of Assessors or the Auditing Committee.

Reese Davis reported for the Civic Committee.

The committee solicited bids for Town Trash Collection, however, the lowest bid is in the range of \$18,000.. It is so far out of line with previous bids that the committee recommend the matter be dropped from consideration and removed from the 1979-80 budget.

In the next two weeks the road rebuilding work on Woodland Lane, Inn Lane and Pond Lane plus several catch basins will be completed.

The Federal E.D. A. "Drainage and Street Improvement" project is still not completed. Several extras were added, namely rebuilding Walnut Lane and redecking the Meadow Lane bridge. Commencing September 1, we have instituted \$50 per day penalties against the contractor for non-completion.

The annual contract for snow removal and sanding is being prepared.

The committee has ordered engraved redwood or locust signs similar to those used in Ardentwon to replace missing or damaged street signs in Arden.

During discussion of the report it was felt that the idea of town-wide collection of garbage and trash was a good idea.

The following motion was made: To direct the Civic Committee to keep the subject of town-wide trash collection alive; investigate and ask for more bids, and to bring answers back to the January meeting or to a special Town Assembly." 30 Ays and 17 Nays.

The report of the committee was accepted.

Community Planning Committee have been studying the acquisition of tract on Marsh Road to add to Aren property. The committee was requested to confer with the Trustees and make a report to the January Town Assembly concerning their conclusions.

Registration Committee reported that there are 392 voters as of September 26.

Safety Committee report was made by Thomas Stapleford. There have been a rash of burglaries recently, principally in isolated homes. It seems that the burglaries are being committed by local residents, but the police have not accumulated enough evidence to arrest anyone. There has also been a lot of destructive vandalism. The committee urges every one to report the incidents to the police and to the Safety Committee.

David Richardson complained of the misuse of the greens by a large group of young people. They have destroyed the bulletin board and benches and are parking on the greens.

The idea of reimposing the curfew on the Arden Green and the Frank Stephens Memorial Theater which was changed in January, 1977 to read "closed to all persons between 10 P. M. to 6 A. M." was proposed. This is rule 5 of Rules for the Arden Commons adopted July 16, 1973.

The following motion was made by David Richardson, seconded by Ruth Panella "To reinstate the curfew on the Arden Greens and the Frank Stephens Memorial Theater from dusk to dawn." Passed 28 Ayes, 11 Nays.

A motion was made by Ethel Monfort and seconded by Carolyn Liberman as follows: "That a curfew be set for the Memorial Garden from dusk to dawn: The motion passed with a vote of 33 Ayes and 6 Nays.

A motion was made by Sarah Hamburger and seconded by Ethel Monfort as follows: "That a curfew be set for the Sherwood Green from 12 P. M. to dawn." Motion passed with a vote of 19 Ayes and 17 Nays.

Buzz Ware Village Center Committee report was made by Marjorie van Gulick.

There were two concerts in July. A kiln has been purchased by ACRA and is now in the boiler room of the B.W.VC. It is now available to residents of three Ardens by scheduling with Elizabeth Varley. The new storage room has been completed and the committee feels that the Wilmington Montessori Assn. has done a fine job.

There has been an increase in vandalism and the residents are urged to report any activity of this type immediately to the Safety Committee.

There is a leak in the heating system at the Center. However, the exact location has not yet been found. It may require major repairs, but the Town Assembly will be informed.

The Budget Committee proposed the following budget for March 25, 1979 to March 24, 1980:

Income is \$120,300 and taxes for County, 23,500, School, \$70,000. and Administrative, \$6,000 leaving \$20,800 to be budgeted. The amount proposed for Town Trash Collection was unanimously changed from \$15,000 to 18,000. with a note 4 added.

Note 1 was unanimously amended by taking out the the words, "other items shall be revised as necessary to ensure that total expenditures do not exceed receipts. a.

It now reads: " Budget Committee shall review actual and anticipated receipts and expenditures prior to each Town Assembly. If any single expenditure item or the total of all such items is expected to deviate by \$1,000 from the budget because of an unanticipated emergency expenditure or lower income, a revised budget showing new and old figures shall be submitted in writing to the Town Assembly for approval by a two-thirds vote at a regular or special meeting.

A motion was made that Note 4 be added. The motion was made by Aaron Hamburger and seconded by Harold Monfort. It reads: "Town Trash collection will begin subject to receiving an acceptable bid approved by the Civic Committee and a majority vote of the Town Assembly. Passed by 28 Ayes and 1 Nay.

There is a deficit budget and Note 5 is to be added reading: Budget proposes a deficit because there is a large surplus in the Trustees Fund.

A motion was made and passed unanimously that the Budget be accepted as amended. It will be sent for referendum.

The second reading of amendment to Ordinance 6- Excavations in Village Roads, Section 2. to add "a fee to be determined by the Civic Committee with the consent of the Town Assembly." was accepted unanimously.

The report from the Arden Playground Oversight Committee was presented by Frank Heymann. The committee is Frank Heyman, Chairman, Beverly Barnett, Secretary, Karen Florschurtz, and Timothy Moore. The committee requests that its status be changed to a regular standing committee and membership be increased to five. They would like name changed to "Playground Committee." At the June meeting a town policy concerning playground equipment inspection was adopted by the Town Assembly.

The committee has inspected the playgrounds and replaced swing parts, bolts and nuts on Jungle Gym, covered concrete footing with earth at two locations, fixed the hobby horse, baseball backstop on Village Green laced together, Montessori Association fixed up their equipment on Sherwood Green.

The committee listed several repair jobs to be done this year.

They also have long term objectives to purchase and install several new pieces of equipment during next fiscal year.

They have asked for \$1,200 for next year to be able to spend about \$800 for a new piece of equipment and the remainder on maintenance.

The report of the committee was accepted.

The following were nominated to serve on the Board of Assessors to be elected by proportional representation by referendum;

Clyde Davis, John Grimaldi, Frank Herzog, John Hewlett, Harold Monfort, Eugene Shaw, Carl VonDreele, Aaron Hamburger, Bartholomeo Passanante, David Richardson, Ruth Panella, Elizabeth Varley, Lee Starr.

A motion was introduced by Michael Curtis and seconded by Aaron Hamburger "That 10% be added to the Assessors' base rates so as to increase total income by 10%. The motion passed by 23 Ayes and 3 Nays. This was more than 2/3 the vote; therefore, these base rates and those of the Assessors reported in June will go to referendum.

The Arden Art Acquisition Committee reported about \$300. collected so far.

A motion was made and adopted unanimously "that a letter be sent to the Wilmington Montessori Association expressing appreciation for the fine job done on the storage space with special recognition given to Bob Reid for his efforts in supervising the construction."

The meeting on motion adjourned,

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Morley
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Secretary